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14th August, 1951.

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
71 Fenchurch Street,
LONDON E.C. 3, England.

Attention: Mr. R. J. Sladden

Dear Sirs:

Wood - M.S. "FORT HEARNE"

With reference to your letter of the 2nd August, 1951, addressed to the Hudson's Bay Company's London Office, regarding intermediate survey of the oil engines of the above named vessel due April, 1951, and also survey of screw shaft due July, 1951.

We would like to advise that the main engine of the "Fort Hearne" has been opened out for inspection by the Canadian Steamship Inspection Service each year since it commenced operation in the Arctic. The ship winters at Tuktoyaktuk, and since there are no drydocking facilities at this port, the ship's tail shaft has not been seen since 1949.

The vessel is due to come out of the Arctic in the fall of 1952 to comply with Lloyd's and Canadian Steamship Inspection four year survey. Until that time it is not considered possible to carry out a survey of any of the underwater fittings.

We are enclosing copy of the Annual Survey Report, dated July 12th, 1951, Tuktoyaktuk, and signed by Squadron Leader Burrige, R.C.A.F., as Surveyor.

We trust that the above information will be sufficient to allow you to continue the ship as now classed in the Register with a fresh record of Survey.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) E. Kelgard

For W. E. Brown,
Acting Transport Manager,
Fur Trade Department.

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